

Extract from
Sydney Daily Telegraph, Australia

TULLY. 23 JAN 1966
HAGERTY - COOKTOWN

Three "flying saucers" spotted

● Policeman saw "bubbles"

BRISBANE, Sat. — Three separate reports of flying objects mystified people in North Queensland this week.

One report came from Cooktown Police Sergeant R. Hagerty.

Sergeant Hagerty was driving with his wife on a lonely road on Thursday night when they saw "bubbles" about 30 inches in diameter floating above the road.

He drove over them and they disappeared beneath the car.

He said later: "We think they were probably weather balloons."

However, a RAAF spokesman said today there still was no explanation for the three mysterious sightings.

● Hissing noise

The first sighting came last Monday when Tully farmer George Pedley was driving his tractor.

In broad daylight he saw an object on the ground about 40 yards away.

It made a loud hissing noise, then rose and hovered above the trees before dipping and taking off at high speed.

Since then scores of people have visited the spot where Mr. Pedley saw "the thing."

All have confirmed that the brush in a circular area was mysteriously flattened.

There was no sign of burning.

Last night Mrs. M.

Hyde, of Mareeba, North Queensland, told police she had spent every night for a week watching a large mysterious object in the sky.

She said it appeared in the eastern sky about 10

p.m. and remained until 2 a.m.

Sometimes it turned over and its lights went out.

Then it shot off at high speed, but soon reappeared again.